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IN THE CLAIMS

Claim 1 (currently amended): A wrench comprising:
a handle including an end having an engaging portion;
a head including a pivotal portion pivotably connected to the end of the handle, the pivotal portion of the head including a fore lug and a rear lug that are located with reference to a ratcheting direction of the handle, an opening being defined between the fore lug and the rear lug, the engaging portion of the handle being received in the opening and pivotable about a pivotal axis, each of the fore lug and the rear lug having an arcuate outer surface section, a plurality of teeth being defined in the arcuate outer surface section of the fore lug, ~~a distance from an addendum circle of the teeth of the fore lug to the pivotal axis being smaller than that from the arcuate outer surface section of the rear lug to the pivotal axis; [[and]]~~

a retaining mechanism for releasably engaging with the teeth of the fore lug, allowing the head to be pivotally moved to a desired position relative to the handle and retaining the head in the desired position; and

an axial hole defined in the end of the handle and having a first end and a second end, with the second end of the axial hole facing the teeth of the fore lug, with the retaining mechanism including a catch slideably mounted in the axial hole and urged to be engaged with the teeth of the fore lug.

Claim 2 (original): The wrench as claimed in claim 1, with the engaging portion of the handle including a pin hole, with the fore lug and the rear lug having aligned pin holes, and with a pin extending through the pin holes of the fore lug and the rear lug and through the pin hole of the engaging portion of the handle.

Claim 3 (currently amended): The wrench as claimed in claim 1, with the end of the handle including a receptacle extending in a direction perpendicular to a longitudinal direction of the handle, ~~[[an]] with the first end of the axial hole being defined in the end of the handle and having a first end~~ communicated with the receptacle ~~and a second end facing the teeth of the fore lug, with~~ the retaining mechanism including an elastic element and a push member mounted in the receptacle, with the retaining mechanism further having a

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~~catch slidably mounted in the axial hole, the~~ catch being urged by the push member, under an action of the elastic element, to be engaged with the teeth of the fore lug.

Claim 4 (original): The wrench as claimed in claim 3, with the push member including a recessed portion having a first face and a second face that is located in a level different than that of the first face.

Claim 5 (currently amended): The wrench as claimed in claim 1, with the head including a drive member mounted therein for engaging and driving a fastener, with the wrench further including a mark for indicating a ratcheting direction of the drive member.

Claim 6 (original): The wrench as claimed in claim 3, wherein the receptacle opens in one of two lateral sides of the handle.

Claim 7 (original): The wrench as claimed in claim 3, wherein the receptacle opens in a top of the handle.

Claim 8 (currently amended): The wrench as claimed in claim 2, wherein a distance from ~~an addendum a dedendum~~ circle of the teeth of the fore lug to a periphery delimiting the pin hole of the fore lug is smaller than that of a distance from the arcuate outer surface section of the rear lug to a periphery delimiting the pin hole of the rear lug.

Claims 9 and 10 (canceled):

Claim 11 (new): The wrench of claim 1 with a distance from a dedendum circle of the teeth of the fore lug to the pivotal axis being smaller than that of a distance from the arcuate outer surface section of the rear lug to the pivotal axis.